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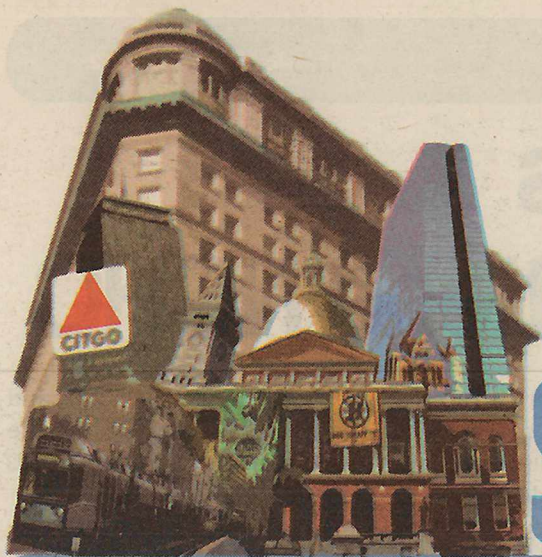
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Back from D.C. Trip, SUIAA Ready to Move Forward with Club Activities

Miles Halpine
Journal Staff

A few weeks ago the Model United Nations (Model U.N.) club began to change its name to Suffolk University International Affairs Association, a new-and-improved version of sorts, with some improvements and trips planned. Now that they are back from the trip to the country's capital, the club is in full swing and preparing for the upcoming trip to New York while expanding its presence on campus.

To extend the club's activities and meaning past the conferences and Model U.N. discussions, the Suffolk University Independent Affairs Association started planning for the official name change from Model U.N. to SUIAA. Cori Simmons, president of the popular student group, said, "as far as the name change, it is still in the works. The new constitution, which has been completed, has the approval of

E-Board members, and at the next meeting it will hopefully be adopted and ratified as is by the full General Membership to make the name-change official. While the name change will be official, we understand that marketing and re-branding takes time."

With the name improvement, they still plan on focusing on the original goals of Model U.N. Simmons continued, explaining that "people know us as Model United Nations, and we will continue to be the club on-campus that provides the MUN experience to students. In the coming months as we move into next semester, we hope to continue to develop our club as a multifaceted organization, beyond just our name change."

On campus, they seem to be garnering a lot of interest. Simmons, talking about membership growth, says that the club has grown this semester as many of the current members are bringing friends and

fellow classmates to meetings, helping to increase the turnout. One thing that probably helps attendance and involvement is the trips that they attend every year.

SUIAA recently returned from a weekend in Washington, D.C. for a National Conference. During the conference, the group had an opportunity to represent two countries, Ghana and Spain, since they brought 19 students. They worked on topics including "youth poverty in the Economic and Social Council, the role of media in international security in the General Assembly, and the Situation in Iran in the International Atomic Energy Agency." Due to the dangerous threat of Hurricane Sandy looming just down the coast, they had to leave a day early. However, Simmons said "Suffolk University still received an Honorable Mention for its representation of Ghana at the awards ceremony."

To her memory, Simmons

said this is the only award they received, and called it a "a true testament to how much we have grown as an organization. It is something we are extremely proud of."

While on the trip in D.C., the Model U.N. delegation from Suffolk got to see Ambassador George Moose at the US Institute for Peace and discovered work from all over the world including East Africa and Iraq. Then they visited the U.S. State Department and met with the Deputy Secretary of State William J. Burns. He sat down with them and took part in a discussion about what is currently happening in the world and how the State Department is involved.

After such an enjoyable trip, the SUIAA still has more planned, specifically another conference, this time in New York City.

"Our next move is our National Model United Nations Conference in New York City (NMUN-NY). We have attended

this conference over the past several years, and it is always a favorite of students," said Simmons.

Simmons explained "the most exciting thing for the SUIAA this year is that we again get to represent Spain. In past years we have never been able to represent such a large and significant delegation, so we are thrilled at this opportunity."

For newcomers with interest in attending, the SUIAA is "accepting applications this week and next for the Travel Team we will bring to NYC." To reach them, Simmons recommends all interested people to attend "the meeting in Sawyer 132 at 1 p.m. on Dec. 4 or join us on SUConnect in order to receive our email with the application attached." With over 20 seats open for the Travel Team on the New York City trip, they are looking for students that are "passionate and dedicated... who would love to become a part of our team."

Suffolk Program Council and O.C.H.O. Host Pre-Finals Carnival

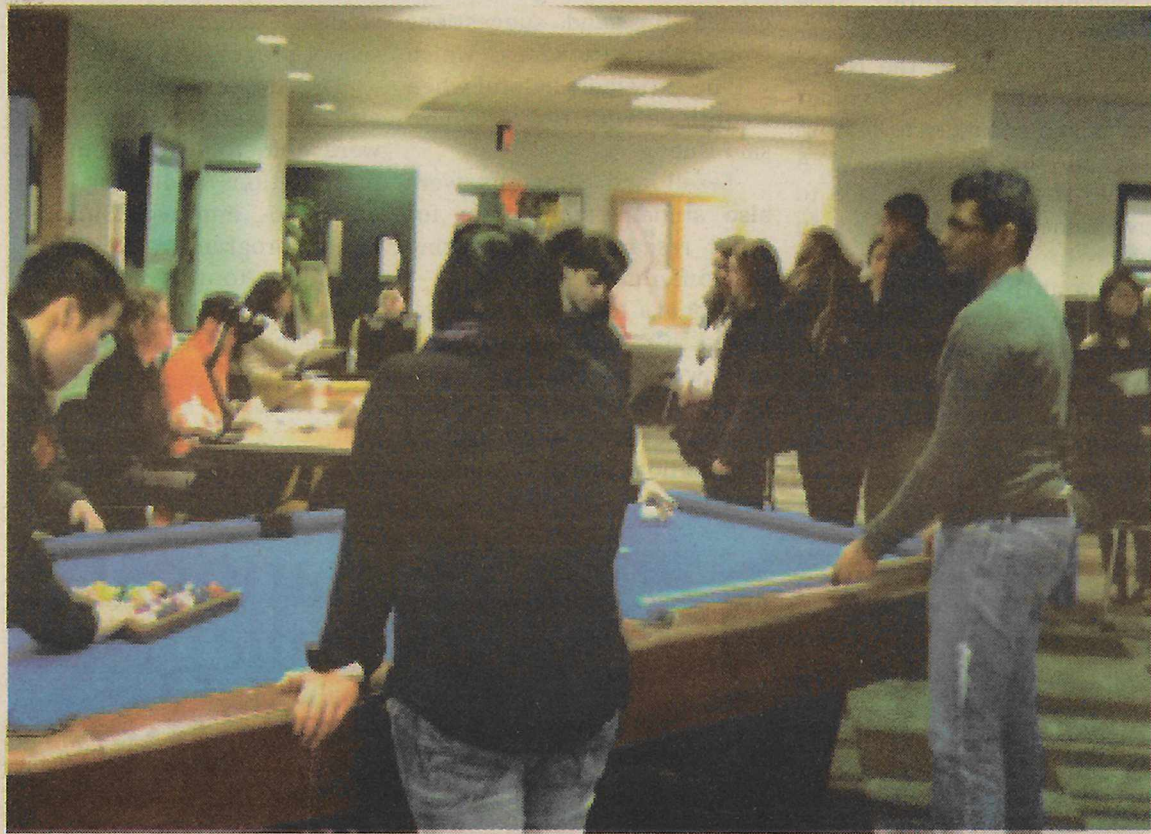


Photo by Alex Hall

Ivan Favelevic
News Editor

In a type of "calm before the storm" moment, Suffolk University Program Council and O.C.H.O. teamed up to bring a slice of bohemian life to the Downtown Boston campus. The fourth floor of Donahue was host to a mini carnival this Tuesday, complete with airbrush hats, caricatures, and balloon animals.

The carnival was the first in a set of pre-finals relaxation events hosted by Suffolk. "We probably got a lot of students who don't normally come to events [to come]," said O.C.H.O. Student Ambassador Christina Webster, "it was nice to see new faces."

The event wasn't all just pure entertainment, O.C.H.O. Ambassadors brought several representatives from the city to educate students on the

benefits and challenges of apartment living. "We wanted to have an event that would include commuter students," said Program Council President Helaina Polito.

The overall favorite at the fest was a booth with customized airbrushed trucker hats. However, Joe Howard, a balloon artist with over 30 years of experience kept drawing a crowd by fulfilling their animal requests, no matter how strange they may have seemed.

A magician was also seen walking around the fourth floor lounge, yet when approached he only described himself as a handsome guy with cards.

As is the case with most Suffolk events, the pizza was gone early into the event's life nonetheless, over 200 people had shown up to take in the pre-finals festivities by the time the doors closed.

Suffolk Students' Thanksgiving

"For Thanksgiving I had a big party at my aunt's house for eight hours."

- Sarah McNeil, Sophomore

"On Black Friday I hung out with my sister at a flea market."

- Olivia Statmore, Sophomore

"I just ate dinner with family and watched football."

- Tim Erasmi, Sophomore

"I went to the mall at midnight and bought gifts for my family. I got myself a sweater. I saved a lot of money."

- Daniel Lampariello, Junior

"Even though we're Spanish we love to eat turkey."

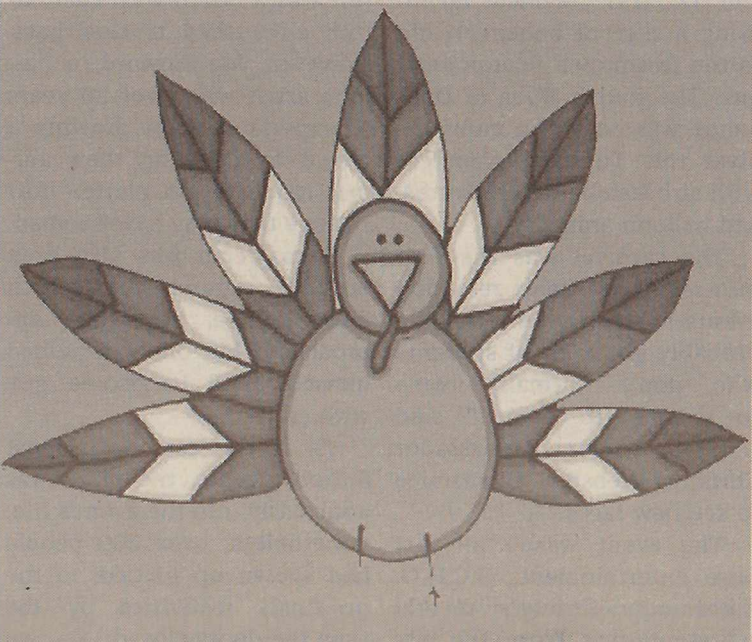
- Lara Fernandez, Senior

"During Black Friday I worked at the Children's Place. It wasn't as bad as I thought."

- Maria Perfetti, Sophomore

"For Thanksgiving I stayed in my apartment. It was kind of lonely, to be honest."

- Kayla Cash, Sophomore



Suffolk Honors Students Attend NCHC

Melissa Hanson
Assistant News Editor

The 47th annual conference of the National Collegiate Honors Council (NCHC) took place from Wednesday, Nov. 14 to Sunday, Nov. 18 held in the Sheraton Hotel in Boston.

Because the conference was local, Suffolk University's honors program was able to take 10 students to the conference, as opposed to past years when the number of students who could attend the conference was limited by travel costs.

"This is a great opportunity for our honors students to see and meet other honors students from all over the country. It is also an opportunity to learn from other honors programs," said Agnes Bain, director of the College of Arts and Sciences honors program. The CAS honors program has been traveling to the conference since 2005 and taking students since 2006. Juniors Annie Duong, Caitlin Lezell, Cori Simmons, sophomores Tyler Dube, Stefani Falkowski, and freshmen Brendan Clifford, Melissa Jean, Ajia Zimmermann, and Liza Hurley were this year's student attendees. Agnes Bain, Sharon Lenzie, and Rachael Campbell were also attended the conference to represent Suffolk University.

NCHC takes place once a year and invites honors programs across the nation to join together and learn from each other. Each year there is a theme to the conference. Because of Boston's history as one of the cities that fought for independence from Great Britain, the theme this year was "challenging structures." The theme is picked about a year in advance so that the NCHC council can choose seminar topics and speakers to feature through the conference. A theme is also put in place to give students a broad focus on which to submit research to present at the conference.

A large aspect of the conference is the student research panels and poster sessions. Students submit abstracts and plans for research the spring before the

conference in order to receive the opportunity to present their research while attending. The panels are designed to group about three students who have similar research to present together and the posters are grouped into large sessions by topic and presented in ballrooms of the hotel.

Suffolk had two students, Lezell and Simmons, present papers they have written for courses at Suffolk, and one student, Duong, present a poster she researched on her own.

Lezell presented research on immigration laws in the United States, specific to Mexicans and refugee law. She told the crowd what she had learned so far and how she plans to continue her research. She presented alongside a student who researched urban gardening and one who looked into American education.

"I thought it was a great experience. This conference should encourage Suffolk to strengthen its Honors Program," said Lezell.

Simmons had researched the Middle East. Her fellow panelists included an international student who reported on his studies while traveling in Jordan and a student who looked into clinical trials and globalization.

Duong presented a poster on health care in Boston's Chinatown. Her poster was a part of the health sciences poster session. Duong stood by her poster as students from other universities and colleges asked about her topic and research.

"Having the opportunity to present a poster allowed me to share a project that I spent a lot of time working on. I also gained tips and suggestions from other attendees, which will be extremely helpful when I continue with my research," said Duong.

Lezell and Simmons were also student moderators for other research panels during the conference.

"Thanks to the conference, I plan to submit a proposal of my own for next year," said Dube.

Wednesday was just a registration day. Students

checked in at the hotel and received the schedule for the week, handouts, and an NCHC mug as a gift.

Thursday was when the conference really began. At 8 a.m. the introductory speakers presented their ideas on where the GPA of honors programs should stand. They discussed the pros and cons of both high and low grade point averages. The end of the session allowed for commentary from the guests of the lecture. It appeared that many honors programs require a maintained GPA of 3.5 like Suffolk does.

The rest of the day was filled with various breakout sessions, mostly aimed for the faculty and deans of honors programs. The evening included the welcome ceremony and the plenary speaker, Michael Sandel.

"He managed to get both the students and faculty involved," said Jean. "The entire hall was in discussion at one point because he posed questions that were interesting and controversial."

Friday and Saturday allotted more opportunities for students to interact with one another. These days not only had sessions held by faculty members and professors, but also were filled with the poster sessions and research panels.

"What I really liked about the conference was hearing from other honors programs and how they do things at their schools," said Falkowski.

Sunday was a quieter day with a few presentations to close the conference.

Throughout the weekend Suffolk Graduate School had a table in the lobby of the hotel handing out brochures in the hopes to gain interest from students about the graduate school programs.

The honors students who attended the conference were able to learn from the presentations and bring back ideas to improve Suffolk's honors program.

"Going to this conference made me more proud to be an honors student," said Zimmermann.



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Suffolk Student Abroad: Thanksgiving Lessons in Italian Politics

Ally Thibault
Journal Staff

Sitting at the dinner table of an American ex-patriot living in Florence on Sunday night, for a belated Thanksgiving celebration, I was surrounded by turkey, stuffing, and political chatter. A familiar scene from a late November day back home, only I wasn't listening to my various family members bemoaning or celebrating a second term for the President and the election of a new senator, nor could I hear the excited announcements of a football game.

Instead, a television in this kitchen was switched to a news channel covering the special primary election of the *Centrosinistra*, or center-left political coalition, as incoming ballot results revealed who the Italian people want the political party to put forth as a candidate for prime minister during the upcoming general election this April.

The final result, announced just before midnight on Sunday, left no one candidate with a majority. The two most popular on the ballot, Pier Luigi Bersani, a leader in the Democratic Party, and Matteo Renzi, the young, outspoken Mayor of Florence, took 45 and 35 percent of the vote, respectively, according to the national Italian newspaper *La Repubblica*. A run-off primary election is scheduled for this Sunday, December 2, to decide who should lead the party in this important election season.

According to opinion polls cited by *Reuters*, Bersani is expected to cross the 50 percent threshold in the run-off as pundits believe supporters of Nichi Vendola, the gay, communist president of the Puglia region who placed third in the primary with 16 percent, will likely choose Bersani over Renzi.

It is important to note that in Italy, the prime minister is not directly voted for by the people in the general election—the President (who is elected by the two houses of parliament in a joint session) appoints a PM from the majority party or coalition in the legislature—so ballots cast this spring only allow voters to choose members of parliament.

Holding a primary election to determine a party leader

is a very new idea for Italian politics, with the first such election occurring in 2008. The newness of this event was evident in the comments of the Italian dinner guests, as one wondered how such a primary open to all registered voters, not just supporters of the left, could accurately reflect who the party felt best represented them. It

Constitution, which must be paid in order for one to vote.

But the new political procedures and discussions are largely welcomed by Italians, as they attempt once again to overcome an era of government corruption and inefficiency. According to several Italian correspondents and political pundits at the English newspaper *The*

exist, the Communist Party (PC) on the left and the Christian Democrats (DC) on the right, only the DC ever garnered enough votes to rule in Cold War-era Italy.

Professor Federico Vitelli, an expert on Italian culture and history at Lorenzo de' Medici in Florence, explains that this imbalance produced a "false bipolarism" in politics

steady decline in power since Berlusconi's latest scandal and as the economic crisis of the European Union worsens.

Berlusconi, with his cult of personality and bombastic rhetoric, originally decided back in October that he would not be a contender for PM, but just a few days later backed off this statement during a heated press conference speech in Milan attacking the Italian judiciary (which had just charged him with tax evasion and sentenced him to a four years in prison.) Berlusconi, as reported by *La Repubblica*, mentioned the potential to withdraw confidence from current PM Mario Monti and his technocrat government. This would allow for a 'snap election' to take place months earlier than the general election and allow the PdL to take back power with Berlusconi, presumably, as head yet again.

PM Mario Monti has been credited with keeping Italy economically afloat without bailout assistance from the EU, but also criticized by his people for instating the domestic austerity measures and tax increases that made this possible. Although not as dramatic as the problems and resistance in Spain and Greece, Italians have protested numerous times against Monti's decisions in city squares from Milan to Rome.

In an interview with *Al Jazeera* this past weekend as part of his trip to the Middle East to find investors for Italian businesses, Monti defended Italy's contracting economy as "only nature" in the wake of a worldwide recession and says that his government is now "done with austerity" measures. Monti reiterates that he will not be running for Prime Minister again in 2013, but declines to endorse any leader or party. Monti's government has restored a fragile stability to Italy's political system, but Italians now seem to be turning to fresh new leaders, like Bersani and Renzi to lead them to a new era, a third republic of Italy. Many leaders have promised change in the past only to be found caught up in the same scandals and political deadlock as the leaders before them, leaving a scar on Italians' confidence in leaders. As candidates begin to emerge and election season reaches its peak speculation time, Italians are skeptically searching for a change.

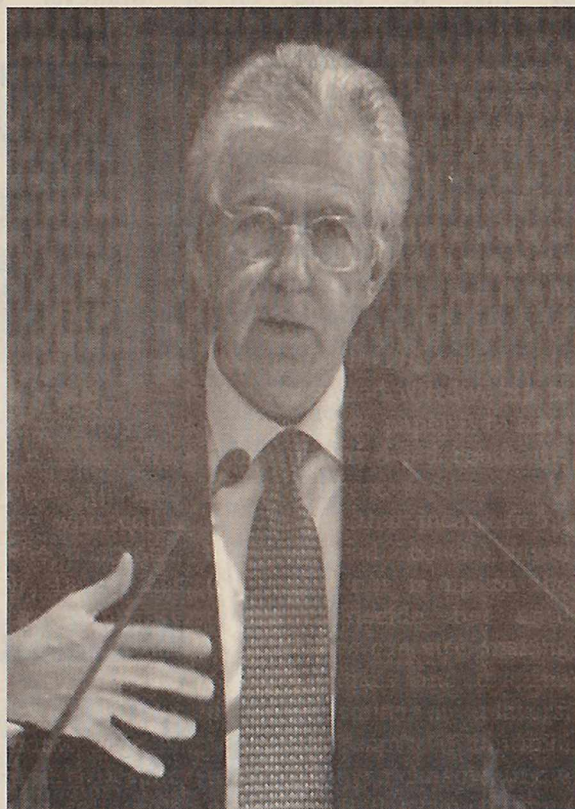


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On Left Former Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi
On Right Current Prime Minister Mario Monti



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would be as if the Republican Party primary in the U.S. were also open for registered Democrats to participate, which is not the case under the rules of most U.S. states.

"Why wouldn't opposition members just vote for the worst candidate to ruin the left's chances?" he asked the table. "Because it will still cost them to vote," joked another guest. In Italy, there is a two Euro fee, similar to the poll tax explicitly banned by the U.S.

Guardian, there is hope that the 2013 election will bring about a 'third republic,' a kind of rebirth, in Italian governing. But only a feeble, cautionary optimism exists for now, as political apathy is a strong force in recent history here.

The first republic, officially established in 1948 when Italians voted to end the monarchy and replaced their king with a president, was plagued with problems. While two main parties did

and allowed the DC to do as they pleased, unchecked by any other authority. As the Cold War came to a close, the Italian PC was all but obliterated as a political group in parliament and the numerous corruption scandals of the DC, known collectively as Tangentopoli, led to the party's collapse. This lack of reliable leadership marks the death of the first republic and builds the foundation for the establishment on an unofficial second republic.

"[Silvio] Berlusconi exploits this change in a sense to have his new party fill the void left by the DC," Prof. Vitelli explains. Berlusconi—a three-time Prime Minister of Italy, media tycoon who owns businesses like the first ever privately owned Italian television empire, Canale 5, to the Milan AC football club, and now notorious symbol of corruption for his financial and sexual scandals—founded his party *Forza Italia!* and the center right coalition *Popoli della Libertà*, or Freedom People (PdL), which brought about the second republic. The PdL has dominated the political scene in Italy in the last two decades, but has been experiencing a

From All Corners: International Opinion

U.S. Weapon Sales: A Necessary Evil?

Gareth Jones
Journal Staff

The United States has long been the chief weapons exporter in the world, with almost no real competition since the fall of the Soviet Union. However, as tensions rise in the Middle East, American weapons dealings appear to have taken on a whole new meaning. A report by the nonpartisan Congressional Research Service published by Congress last month detailed sales figures for 2011, and found that the numbers tripled last year alone. The report cited rising concern over Iranian regional military ambition, and of course the much-discussed nuclear progress Iran has made in recent months.

American allies in the Middle East, namely Israel and Saudi Arabia, but also Kuwait, Iraq, and the U.A.E., have all turned record-breaking amounts of oil money towards militaristic deals with the US, and should the region ever come to war, most likely, it will be M16s doing most of the shooting.

However, what many cite as the most troubling aspect of American weapons dealing abroad is that M16s will be featured prominently on *both* sides of almost any battle in the Middle East. We sell guns to everyone. And while proponents of our aggressive military sales cite the massive GDP boost and job creation that gun sales bring to a desperately struggling American economy, there are a few questions worth asking.

Firstly, keep in mind that M16s are the tip of the iceberg. The \$66.3 billion we did in weapons deals last year is more M16s than every human on Earth could own, so obviously, it goes deeper than that. Jet fighters, rockets, huge missile defense infrastructures and other forms of air transport made up much of that \$66.3 Billion. So, supposing Iran attempts to invade Kuwait, it will be F-16s made in Kentucky dropping bombs assembled in Detroit on soldiers wielding M-16s made in Texas.

Opponents of the American military machine argue that we encourage conflict by outfitting everyone with such high-tech stuff, and furthermore have become too dependent on money made from weapons

sales, which will peter out as we run out of willing buyers. As a peace-loving hippie, I am inclined to agree, but there are some logistical problems with this argument that cannot be ignored.

Firstly, much of the 30 percent or so of our annual GDP that we spend on the military machine goes straight to the research and development sector. Think *Men Who Stare at Goats*, or the inevitable scene in every *Bond* movie where the M.I.T. looking guy hooks up 007 with a watch that doubles as a nuclear submarine or a teapot. Research and development is the American answer to the wavering demand for weapons globally. Essentially, one year we will sell everyone a jet that travels 2000 m.p.h., and then next year we develop a jet that travels 3000 m.p.h., making the jets from last year obsolete. Then, the military-obsessed third world gets in line to buy the new stuff, for fear

works, and guns will remain one of the most important exports in the American economy for quite a while.

As far as morals are concerned, I like to take a realist approach to the situation. If they were not holding M16s, they would be holding AK47's, or whatever the Chinese equivalent is. Humanity



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of being invaded by superior technology, or not looking cool at the Christmas party. Steve Jobs would be so proud.

We develop more cool stuff, the hand-me-downs are distributed further and further down the economic ladder, keeping us at the top. This is consequently why you will stumble across a fleet of discount rate F-16s sitting in warehouses in Zambia, with enough combined fire power to destroy the state of Rhode Island. So, as long as we can keep pumping out the technology, there will be buyers. I mentioned Steve Jobs in jest earlier, but in all seriousness, have a look at Apple stock these days. The system

was at war pretty much the minute we dropped out of the trees, and just because we sell awesome guns does not mean we perpetuate war. If anything, we keep everyone so worried about keeping up with what's cool, that no one has anytime to actually invade anywhere. By selling guns, maybe we have actually become arbiters of peace? Quite the Catch 22. But then, when military involvement takes place, what isn't?

David Frederick
Journal Staff

Recession and election aside, nothing can stop the arms trade. It is an ugly statistic, which has a body count that is only outnumbered by its spending costs. The times may have changed but the game is still very much the same. This includes supplying an ally (likely one that is at odds with a fellow enemy) with an armory to exterminate their problem. Last year alone, weapons sales tripled to a sky rocketing \$66.3 billion, which was by the way of deals to our Persian Gulf allies.

We agreed to sell F-15 fighter jets valued at nearly \$30 billion to the Royal Saudi Air Force. "This sale will send a strong message to countries in the region that the United States is committed to stability in the Gulf and the broader Middle East," said Andrew J. Shapiro, the assistant secretary of state for political-military affairs. "It will enhance Saudi Arabia's ability to deter and defend against external threats to its sovereignty."

We cannot forget about the arms deal that the Obama administration was pushing for earlier in the year with Bahrain. A previous arms sale was suspended late last year after fierce opposition from human rights groups and members of Congress. But the White House decided to take advantage of a legal loophole to push forward a separate deal without congressional approval.

The deal was advancing despite Bahraini government crackdown on several US-based NGOs, like the National Democratic Institute and Physicians for Human Rights.

Staffers with valid Bahraini visas have been barred from entering the country.

This week, talk of Washington continuing arms sales to Taipei to give Taiwan confidence in negotiations with China is being discussed. There is a correlation between arms sales and improved cross-Taiwan Strait relations, said Randall Schriver, a previous state department official, at an international conference in Taipei analyzing the ongoing power transition in China, furthering assumptions that U.S. arms sales could become an impediment in future Taiwan-China relations. U.S. F-16 sales to Taiwan in 1992 were followed a few months later by the "1992 consensus" and a U.S. \$6.4 billion arms package to Taiwan in 2010 was followed a few months after that by the signing of the cross-strait Economic Cooperation Framework Agreement, Schriver said.

It is quite an interesting business, a business that does not have a place in it for morality. I will not get on a soapbox about the philosophy of the goods and evils of being an arms dealer, even with it bringing the promise of a different or exciting life. It must weigh down somewhere in the sub-conscious. Of course I "understand" our duties to other countries and I understand that loyalty does play quite the big issue as well. Our supporting of Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, and Taiwan is also at stake. You come to realize that these arms dealings will continue to go down through history and will go on as long as our international differences need these weapons to solve our discrepancies.

The exuberant amount of money that is carelessly thrown away on turf wars is already at a greater sum of currency than I will ever see in my life. More than you will see and probably more than your kids will see. Do I think this spending should be cut, at a high percentage? Yes, almost more than anything, yes. Chances are tough; it probably won't change anything and my far left-leaning ideals are just a mere pipe dream. Well, the most that I can hope from anyone is that even if you cannot do something about arms spending, that at least being aware is a good first step into becoming the change.

STAFF EDITORIAL

About a month ago, Boston City Council held a hearing on a new "Ordinance Regarding Nuisance Control," which would beef up the consequences for "excessive and unnecessary noise" throughout the city in an effort to quiet down student-riddled neighborhoods. As the docket, sponsored by Councilor Sal LaMattina, states "loud parties and gatherings cause disruptive behavior leading to sleep disturbances and anxiety creating a substantial disturbance of the quiet enjoyment of the neighborhood."

What constitutes a gathering? "A party or event where two or more persons have assembled for a social occasion or social activity." According to Section 1 of the docket, there has been too much "excessive noise, obstruction of public ways by crowds or vehicles, illegal parking, the service of alcohol to underage persons, fights, and disturbances of peace." During the hearing, numerous residents (none under the age of 40) heavily criticized students for staining their neighborhoods and forcing friends and families with heavy

roots to pack up and leave for the suburbs. Specifically – the main neighborhood in question is the North End, and the students are mainly seen as coming from Emerson College and Suffolk University. One neighbor even mentioned that these students (yes, if you've done it – you're at fault) are urinating off of roofs and having sex in the hallways of residential buildings.

While not all North End students have are at fault, one of the biggest life lessons is learning to be courteous. Everyone enjoys blowing off steam and hanging with friends but nobody wants the police to knock on their door. The best way to avoid this is to be courteous and realize there are a whole lot of people around you with their own busy schedules in need of sleep late at night.

Being on the opposite end of loudness when you're trying to sleep is never a fun situation to be in, so just try your best not to put others in this scenario when hanging out and having fun with friends. It's not an easy task, but effort does go a long way.

Police officers cross the line far too often

A.P. Blake
Opinion Editor

Police are getting away with murder – quite literally on occasion. In Spokane, Washington, a police officer beat, tasered, bound, and sat on Otto Zehm. Zehm was an innocent mentally disabled man, and later died as a result of the altercation. Can we agree this is outrageous?

If that isn't enough to get you fired up, hear this: the police officer who committed the torture and murder of this innocent man, Officer Karl Thompson, was sentenced to only four years on a charge of excessive force. I would say this is a failure of our law enforcement and signals some

were, "All I wanted was a Snickers bar." Zehm then lost consciousness and died two days later. He was also not involved in stealing money at any point during the night, but Officer Thompson would not know this as he decided to torture first and ask questions later. Thompson was never threatened during the encounter, and Zehm showed no signs of resisting or aggressive behavior.

How did Officer Thompson end up with a mere four-year sentence? Meanwhile, a Florida woman received a 20-year sentence for firing a warning shot to scare off her abusive husband. How can this even be justified in our country?

Sadly, this is not the only case of brutal police



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very flawed elements in our judicial system.

Let me back up and give you the details, just in case you're not convinced that Thompson is at fault and was simply 'doing his job.' In 2006, Otto Zehm was heading to a convenience store to buy some candy, as he usually does after his shift as a school janitor. Nearby, two women had called police after allegedly having money stolen from them at an ATM.

Once Officer Thompson arrived, he went for Zehm in the convenience store, believing he may have matched the robber's description. Store surveillance shows that Thompson then immediately gave Zehm seven strikes of his baton within eight minutes and without warning. Thompson then proceeded to use his taser on Zehm, handcuffed and hog-tied him, and placed a rubber mask over his face along with other officers. Finally, the officers sat on the innocent man.

Otto Zehm's final words

encounters. Unfortunately, worse crimes are committed routinely, and many officers are even acquitted of any charges at all. You may argue that they're being cautious, but in the case of Otto Zehm's murder, this goes well beyond that. You may even argue that police officers see a lot of stress on the job and may be highly alert around potential suspects, possibly stepping over a boundary once in a while.

This case goes well beyond any accidental action and is a clear case of an officer not properly trained, of insufficient mental standing, and/or high on their own power. Officers need to be regularly checked for mental stability or regularly retrained on proper and necessary procedure. Let us learn from Otto Zehm's death and make sure our officers are capable of doing their job and are punished appropriately when they clearly fail to commit to upholding the law and their own procedures.

A word from the

suffolk university
SGA
student government association

Dear students,

The Student Government Association would like to give you a couple of updates for this week. First we would like to give a warm welcome to two new organizations on campus, the Ice Hockey Club Team and the Interior Design Association (IDA). We are here for anything that your organization needs, and wish you nothing but success this semester!

This week, SGA is co-sponsoring Off-Campus Housing Office's (OCHO) 'Off-Campus Student Appreciation Week'. Senators attended the first event, at Fire and Ice on Monday, November 24th along with OCHO's Commuter Ambassadors.

We would also like to remind students that President McCarthy's inauguration is coming up next week, on Tuesday, December 4th. This is a big event for Suffolk University, and its new President. SGA will be there, and we hope that you can make it the student reception at 1:30pm on First Floor of 73 Tremont.

If you still want to be a member of SGA, you can come to our meetings. Once you have attended three meetings you can be a member-at-large and then get nominated for an open Senator seat.

Our weekly meetings are every Thursday at 1:00pm in Donahue 311. As always, if you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us at sga@suffolk.edu

Have a great week,

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Is Thanksgiving taking a backseat to Black Friday?

Chris Musk
Journal Staff

Thanksgiving has a held a historical theme of being a time of thanks and compassion for our family and friends. This holiday is to remind Americans not to take for granted what we have in our lives and to remember our beginnings as colonists and the hard struggles our nation went through.

Native Americans helped us to learn to only take what we need and graciously taught us methods of cultivating crops, how to hunt more efficiently in new terrain, and even set up the Massachusetts Bay colonists with an alliance with the local Indian tribes. Obviously, a big meal was later held between the Native Americans and the new colonists and the holiday eventually became known as Thanksgiving.

This all greatly helped with our survival in the new world and whether you agree or disagree with the Darwin's philosophy of survival of the fittest, we all know what happened to the Indians. Coming from this historical theme of Thanksgiving, many today are now wondering if our materialistic desires and great aptitude for Black Friday is exceeding our embracement of Thanksgiving.

Black Friday this year has

led to many fist fights and even to some shootings, such as in Tallahassee, Florida. This behavior of people fighting to get their desires, if looked at in a more objective standpoint, is nothing new to mankind: but for it to happen just the day after Thanksgiving really

first place.

Black Friday is great for business and many of us do get amazing deals on some gifts, but it is unfortunate that the common attitude people have on Black Friday is to not be grateful for what we have and only want more than we need.

the Native Americans. Having these two days back to back is truly ironic when one thinks about it this way.

Materialism is clearly incorporated as being a partial definition of an American. We are a capitalist nation for the most part, and competition

Some people – such as Karl Marx, other socialists, and communists – think this behavior is disgusting.

But America's GDP is this highest in world by far for a reason. The socialists and communists can look through history and see how nations who strictly practiced the components that make up their desired economic systems lead to a less competitive economy and nation overall.

Putting economics aside, have our capitalist ways that have ingrained into the everyday American really lead to Black Friday being more important than Thanksgiving? I like to think not because personally, my family is not big on Black Friday. But for many other Americans it is just as important, if not more than, Thanksgiving.

Full blown socialists and communists are not tuned in to economic reality, but maybe as far as the subject of materialism goes they are on to something. It is really sad that many Americans today have developed apathy for Thanksgiving and placed more importance on Black Friday, whose theme is essentially take everything and leave nothing. With our history of Thanksgiving broadly mentioned above, it is clear many Americans have lost their values.



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is insulting to the holiday.

Let us not be thankful for what we already have and let complacency of the individual blind us all into killing and fighting over things that we really do not even need in the

The other attitude people have while shopping on Black Friday is the mentality of survival of the fittest, the same attitude we had when practically committing genocide against

and exploitation of the individual's wants is what fuels capitalism. We are a very fast-paced nation and consumers always want the next best thing immediately.

Hostess demise long overdue: terrible food

Anya Batrakova
Journal Staff

Hostess – the old, beloved brand based in Irving, Texas – is finally going out of business, and it has stirred up quite a controversy.

The union strike, and the end of the brand, has been building up for years. This is the second time Hostess has filed for bankruptcy in less than a decade. Robert Drain, a bankruptcy judge, has approved Hostess Brands Inc.'s plan to fire its 18,500 workers and start ending its operations.

Twinkies, Ho Hos, and Wonder Bread are up for sale now. People fear they will be gone completely; the continuation of the products is in question in their minds. Read: people are freaking out.

The liquidation means the closure of 33 bakeries, 565 distribution centers, about 5,500 delivery routes, and 570 bakery outlet stores, according to Hostess. The crisis began on November 9, when thousands of members of the bakers' union went out on strike to protest wage, health care, and pension cuts. Hostess wanted

a 17 percent decrease in their contribution for health care benefits, and the bakers' union objected to it in a voice ballot.

tasting products now available for kids, the people that grew up with Hostess as the main supermarket pastry staple are,

a 5 year old, you don't want your bread so artificial and fluffy you can easily roll it up into a ball, crust and all.

as housewives. It brings to mind a mother in an apron making one a peanut butter and jelly sandwich on Wonder Bread as an after-school snack.

Twinkies are equally nostalgic. This may be a generalization but I've never met anyone my age that actually enjoys Twinkies. I'm not some gourmet food connoisseur, but Twinkies don't do it for me. They're too soft, too sweet, too waxy, and too 'fake' tasting. I remember taking a bite of one a few years ago; they mushed into some corn syrup and preservative amalgam in my mouth that I had to struggle to choke down. This is what people are making such a big deal over?

Twinkies are selling on eBay for hundreds of dollars! That is insane. But it is the price of preserving a youthful ideal.

Even I have to admit, however, that there really aren't too many brands as iconic as Hostess that links us to those old-timey values. I imagine that this is why there are so many diehard retro toy collectors. As far as food goes, though, nothing can touch Hostess in that regard.



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Hostess is now sending out termination notices.

It is not just the union's fault – profits have been pretty low for a while. This is understandable: Hostess products do not, in my opinion, taste very good. And besides the new and better-

well, literally dying out.

Wonder Bread was invented way back on May 21, 1921. Not many people eat it anymore, at least not like they used to. It is purely a nostalgia item at this point. Our tastes for bread have changed; unless you're

But the Wonder Bread logo is iconic and is a symbol of a better time in peoples' minds – a simpler, more traditional time. In their minds, people didn't use technology constantly or air out their dirty laundry, and women were kept

staff SOUNDS

Rihanna makes headlines with new album

Mackenzie Cummings-Grady
Journal Staff

Unapologetic

It comes as no surprise to any pop-music follower to know that Rihanna has released a new album. The pop/dance diva has put out a continuous stream of albums since 2009's triple platinum album *Good Girl Gone Bad*. Since then, *Rated R*, *LOUD* and *Talk That Talk* have all followed in 2009, 2010, and 2011. Now with a new year comes her new release *Unapologetic*, which has Rihanna taking on a more hip-hop-oriented tone than her previous albums. While

reviews. While not as catchy as "We Found Love", her last big single from *Talk That Talk*, it was a well-produced track that showcased Rihanna's pop talent. From then on, the album fails to impress me.

plain dollars" Rihanna should expect an angry phone call from Nicki any day. The disappointment continues from then on with tracks like "Numb", "Jump" and "Pour It Up", which has Rihanna

fresh air in an album bogged down with horrible beats and messy rhymes. "Stay" has her returning to the days of "Good Girl Gone Bad," and "Love Song" has the same smooth and sexy impact as "What's My Name?" had over a year ago.

As for the song with her abusive ex Chris Brown, I'll leave it to the listeners to decide on Rihanna's sanity, and if it's still intact or not. There is no question the collaboration was a money making strategy, but as far as the song goes, it's pretty damn catchy. For

"Unapologetic" all in all, you really have to dig deep to find the songs worth listening too, and whether it be the pompous Nicki Minaj sound-a-likes, the guilty pleasure ballads, or the collaboration with Chris Brown, I suppose it's "Nobody's Business."



the sexy album cover may be deceiving, the album in its entirety is nothing new or exciting, and will likely land itself in the "Discount Bin" at Barnes & Nobles everywhere come 2013. The first single off the album "Diamonds," was released back in October to many mixed

The opener "Phresh Out The Runway" has an auto-tuned Rihanna trying, and failing, to copy the hip-hop swagger of Nicki Minaj. At best, this song sounds like it could be a cover of "Come on a Cone." With jumbled verses like "All of the bank dollars got change for small dollars/Everything

continuing her abysmal rap career, and "Jump" even provides a mind-numbing dub-step drop as a bonus! There are glimmers of hope off of the album. Songs like "Right Now" with David Guetta have her returning to the pop power force of "We Found Love" and serve as a breath of

Bond proves to be still sharp in new Skyfall

Vassili Stroganov
Journal Staff

The critics have been tough on the *James Bond* films in recent years and it seems like the franchise was going to go up in smoke. The once so powerful and invincible James Bond character suddenly became less interesting to watch. The star of the series that inspired more sequels than any other film in the history of cinema was suddenly out in the shadows and for four years we heard nothing about James Bond. The clouds gathered around him and when it looked the darkest he fell down from the sky and was reborn. *Skyfall* sky-raised the film series and saved the legendary character and his future. I predict it will be extremely hard for any director to make a good sequel to *Skyfall*, because it is so well done and unique. I believe *Skyfall* will be the last great James Bond film, because the franchise is dying out and *Skyfall* only bought 007 limited time.

What I really loved about this movie was the fact that it paid a lot of tribute to the old James Bond movies (The Sean Connery ones) and made a point that we must treasure and appreciate the past and sometimes the old

ways are the very best and most effective. Throughout the whole movie there are references to the "new vs. old" theme. When Bond's partner Eve Moneypenny shaves his beard with a razor blade she says: "You still prefer the old ways." Bond uses a razor blade instead of an electric shaver. It might be much more dangerous, but it is much faster as well and as we all know 007 prefers to do things

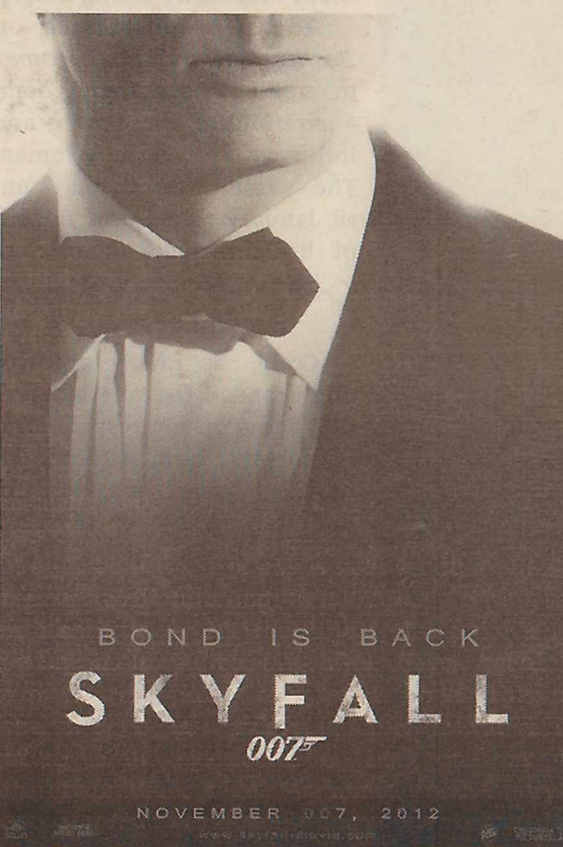
the fast and dangerous way.

Another time the "new vs. old" theme is brought up is when agent 007 meets the new and much younger Q (the sole character who creates all the newest gadgets and equipment for 007) in the art gallery. They both look at a painting of an old ship that is sailing towards a sunset, clearly a symbol of aging and the need for a generation shift (Bond being the old ship and Q being the new and stronger boat that is going to take over.) After being skeptical of the new Q, Bond says: "Youth is not a guarantee of innovation." Simply because something is new does not necessarily mean that it is better than the old. For instance you can take an old idea and turn it in to a new innovative invention and you don't

have to be young to do so.

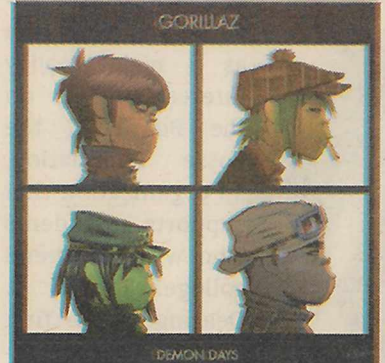
Skyfall shows us that the new ways are not always the best and it pays a tribute to the old films and tries to reconnect to them, which is a great idea. I believe that the reason why the recent films have not had the big success is because James Bond became too futuristic and there was too much focus on the new technological gadgets and graphics instead of the true James Bond story. *Skyfall* is the first Bond movie in long time to go against the mainstream and show us that vintage can be better than modern sometimes. The fact that the last quarter of the movie takes place in Bond's childhood home in Scotland made the movie complete, connected the whole story and the old vs. new theme. The story ends where it all started, in the house that Bond grew-up in called "Skyfall." *Skyfall* is the best James Bond movie since "The World is Not Enough," and I have to say that Daniel Craig does an absolutely amazing job. After being very skeptical of him in his first two *James Bond* movies *Quantum of Solace* and *Casino Royale*,

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"2 CUPS"

I HONESTLY BELIEVE THIS IS THE
PENULTIMATE COMPOSITION OF
OUR GENERATION.
- ETHAN LONG



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"DEMON DAYS"

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Adams Gallery highlights Boston Inspirational Women

Gianna Carchia
Journal Staff

Suffolk Law School's Adams Gallery currently features an exhibition titled "Boston: Inspirational Women." The photographers, Bill and Kerry Brett, recently released a book by the same name; the book *Boston: Inspirational Women* and the exhibit are celebrations of vital women in and around the Boston area who have been influential and involved in public affairs during their lifetimes.

Bill Brett, the father of Kerry, has been a photojournalist for nearly 50 years and has won awards for his work. He spent a large part of his career at *The Boston Globe*, where he started when he was only 18 and has since been appointed director of photography twice. Since he left *the Globe* in 2001, Brett has written four books. Kerry Brett is a staff photographer for *the Improper Bostonian*, and she has been with the magazine for

17 and years counting. She worked for her father for six years at *The Boston Globe* and has had work featured in *New York Magazine* and *Boston Globe Magazine*, among others.

The two collaborated on *Boston: Inspirational Women* to create a meaningful demonstration of the power and influence of local women. The exhibit, on display until January 6, features dozens of brilliant black and white

photographs which feature the familiar style of the *Improper Bostonian* covers.

Each photograph is accompanied by the subject's story and background. *The Inspirational* is about much more than professional photogra-

man and Eliza Dushku, mother Alma Wahlberg of Dorchester, TV personality Rachael Ray, and comedian Rachel Dratch. However, fame bears no weightier importance in a room full of influential and strong women. Lesser known,

though equally notable women featured remarkable stories of philanthropy and hard work. Phyllis Godwin, the president and CEO of Granite City Electric got her start years ago in her father's electrical supply business. Diane Patrick, first lady of Massachusetts, advocates education as a major policy interest and is on the Board of the Posse Foundation, an organization that supports students who wish to attend college. Tiziana C. Dearing is the first CEO of Boston Rising, an organization that fights poverty in Boston. Mary L. Reed's mother founded Boston's first minority-owned daycare in 1946, and today Reed works for an organization that provides early care and education for low-income families.

Each story is just as interesting and empowering as the next and the exhibit encourages a stron-

ger appreciation for the women who strive to make Boston strong and accessible. Almost every woman featured was involved with a philanthropic organization or had worked hard to secure a position in the higher tiers of the work force. Though glass windows covered one wall of the exhibition, the exhibit made it clear that the glass ceiling has shattered.

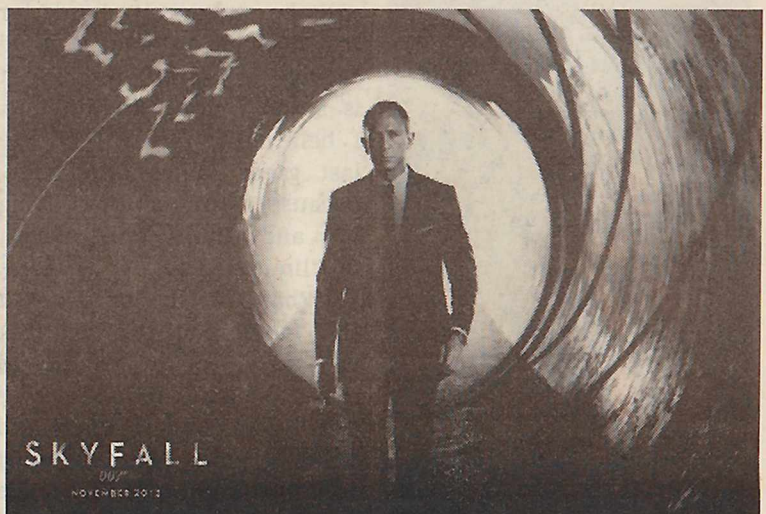
Easily recognizable inclusions were actresses Uma Thur-



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Craig has finally captured and branded the role of agent 007 and won my respect. This is not the best *James Bond* movie I have seen, but it's definitely in my top five. The beloved British agent had a great 50 year run, but all good things must come to an end. Daniel Craig has signed up for two more Bond movies, but I wonder how many more films the 007 character/idea has left in him. I certainly don't think the franchise will be around for another 50 years.



Blink extravaganza kicks off the Holiday season

Ellie Hawkins
Journal Staff

Families and community members in attendance and the restaurants were packed – suddenly there were awe's of sadness as the Marketplace went dark, the lights had been turned off at the Blink! Lights and Sounds Extravaganza began at Faneuil Hall. After the lights had been off for a few seconds they turned back on and continued to display different light patterns, everyone cheered with joy and excitement.

Blink! Lights and Sounds Extravaganza is a 6-week state-of-the-art light and sound show that has transformed the marketplace. This display uses over 350,000 LED lights that light up the skyline. The LED lights will permit the city to use only 30% of the power that was used in the previous years.

"Everything is over dramatic, which makes me feel like I am in Disney World. This event really gets me in the holiday spirit," said Tina Frosinos, a freshman at Suffolk University.

"It is good that they did this before Thanksgiving for us college students in Boston to see and get us into the spirit."

The tree lighting started at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, November 17, 2012 and will run until December 31. The light shows run every half an hour from 4:30 p.m. until 9:30 p.m. The shows consist of Christmas music and programed light shows playing throughout the evening.

On the first Saturday of the event, at 9:15 a.m., the marketplace hosted different kick-off events to start off Blink!, Pilates Bootcamp, Story hour with the Grinch, live music, performances and many other activities.

"I came out here with friends and my sister in law from Blacksburg, Virginia. We just came for the football game, but we saw the lights and stopped by to see the show," said Linda Bland, while she sat with her friends on a bench. "This event kicks-off our holiday season and makes us want to go home and decorate our houses to look like this

place. It also encouraged us to do some holiday shopping."

The main display is an 85-foot Christmas tree which has two rows of trees leading to it. The rows of trees are wrapped with white lights and have blue lights that twinkle in the branches. All the lights have are timed, programed, choreographed displays that go along with the music that is playing.

There is also a smaller Christmas tree, located by Merchants Row, wreaths and snowflake projections that decorate the Marketplace. There are a total of four different light shows in complex.

This event is entertaining for all ages, a free holiday event and is a great way to stroll with friends or family to start off your holiday season. Everyone at the event seemed unable to stop smiling and laughing with each other, everyone seemed to be in the holiday spirit.



Suffolk freshmen Tina Frosinos, Elizabeth Pellefrier, & Arianna Sanfilippo

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Cory and Topanga return:
Girl Meets World



Cory Matthews and Topanga Lawrence are back as parents of a 13-year-old girl named Riley in the upcoming series *Girl Meets World*.

Both original cast members of *Boy Meets World*, Ben Savage and Danielle Fishel, have confirmed via Twitter and Tumblr that they will be returning for the new show, but Fishel wants to make it clear that this is not a remake of *BMW*.

"It isn't '*BMW*' brought back to life," Fishel said. "It will have familiar faces, familiar themes and familiar messages. It will also have new faces, new themes and new messages; please keep in mind that this will be episode one, of season one, of a brand new show. We started at the same place with '*BMW*' but we evolved and we evolved quickly. For those of you who knew and loved '*BMW*,' please allow this show to evolve as well."

Boy Meets World ended 10 years ago and co-creator Michael Jacobs is returning to work on the new show. There has been no word yet whether Rider Strong, who played Shawn Hunter, or any other original cast members will return for *Girl Meets World*. The role of Riley has not yet been cast. The *Boy Meets World* fanbase has aged along with Corey and Topanga, and the cast hopes they can give *Girl Meets World* the same chance that they gave to the original show.

"[T]he seven wonderful years we spent making '*BMW*' ... were among the most warm, hilarious, insightful, educational years of my life and I wouldn't trade them for the world," Fishel said. "Another thing I wouldn't trade for anything is the integrity and the heart with which '*BMW*' was made. I promise with the entirety of my heart that we will make '*GMW*' with the same honesty, innocence, and intelligence that you learned to expect from '*BMW*'."

DC Comic Fans thrilled for Justice League Film

Following the monumental success of *The Avengers* blockbuster movie series, Warner Bros. plans to release *Justice League* in a few years and the company is considering Joseph Gordon-Levitt to star as the next Batman, reported *The Huffington Post*.

Gordon-Levitt, star of the recent *Dark Knight Rises*, is keeping an open mind.

"You never know," he said. "If the script inspires me and there's a filmmaker that I respect and connect to, I'd consider anything."

His *Dark Knight Rises* character, John Blake, also known as Robin – a coincidence, Batman's sidekick was never named John Blake – received the keys to the bat cave at the end of Christopher Nolan's trilogy. Nolan has made it clear that he will not be continuing the series or participating in *Justice League*, but Gordon-Levitt's participation in the upcoming film would provide a clear connection between the trilogy and the next set of movies.

The film is scheduled for 2015 and the cast may be released as soon as next summer. Warner Bros.' current superhero project, *Man of Steel*, will enter theaters in 2013 and it may jump start the hype for *Justice League*. However, no concrete details have been released regarding its connection to the superhero collaboration.

The *Justice League* is the DC Comics version of *The Avengers* and features Superman, Batman, The Flash, Green Lantern, and Wonder Woman on one team. Wonder Woman and The Flash are the only two who have not recently commanded their own film. With a solid two and a half years before its scheduled release, Warner Bros. has plenty of time to set up each of the heroes before *Justice League* hits theaters.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR: PRAISE FOR COACH NELSON

Dear Editor:

As a breast cancer survivor, I commend Athletic Director Jim Nelson as well as his coaches and athletes who stepped up to the plate and organized the human pink ribbon event in the gym as part of Suffolk's 11 annual Breast Cancer Awareness Month program.

For the past four years, this event has allowed the entire Suffolk community – students, faculty, administrators, and alumni – to stand as one to support heightened breast cancer awareness, early detection, and prevention.

I applaud the other individuals and organizations who contributed to and participated in this event and other activities throughout the month, particularly The Suffolk Journal for its front-page coverage and special pink masthead.

I also send special thanks to the staff of the Holiday Inn Boston at Beacon Hill who, for the past 11 years, have generously contributed food and funds as well as attended various Suffolk Breast Cancer Awareness Month events.

On a personal note, I am here today because of early detection, as my oncologists constantly remind me. Because of my highly aggressive form of breast cancer, delaying an ordered follow-up mammogram even for a few months, as I almost did, would have made the difference between a positive and an ominous prognosis.

In the years ahead, I strongly encourage the Suffolk community to continue to work together on critical Breast Cancer Awareness Month initiatives so that other women can be blessed with a second lease on life, thanks to greater awareness and early detection.

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Club Hockey Breaks into the W Column Following Slow Start

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Sports Editor

Suffolk's men's club hockey team has gotten off to somewhat of a slow start for their first official season, dropping their first two games against Harvard and Wheaton by a combined score of 15-8 before securing a 6-3 victory over Middlesex Community College.

Despite the early setbacks, the team believes that their best hockey is yet to come. "We're going through growing pains, but not in a negative way. We need to take the small amount of time we have and come together as a team and grow through our experiences," said Scott Cleary, junior left winger and co-president of the club team. The team has a lot of new faces this year and has only had a handful of practices together as a unit. "Kids need to be more aggressive, attack the puck harder. We need to

not hesitate and figure out how to work together."

Positive signs can also be taken from the team's first three games. The Rams only have three lines of forwards (as opposed to the usual four,) and surprisingly it is the third line that has been making the most noise. Led by freshman right winger Chris Cunniffe (3G, 1A) the third line has carried the brunt of the offense. "He's been playing very solid hockey," Cleary said of Cunniffe. While the third line may be stealing the show at this point in the season, all three lines have been able to pitch in some solid offense.

The team is confident that their defense first style of play will eventually come through and start winning games for them. Utilizing the neutral zone trap, a system that emphasizes on forcing turnovers in the neutral zone while the opposing team is on the rush, the Rams have tried to concentrate on defense over

The Demise of "America's Team"

Alex Hall
Managing Editor

The Dallas Cowboys have been called "America's Team" since the 1970s, but have failed to live up to this reputation since the tail end of Troy Aikman's career.

Forbes released a study in Sept. 2012 that showed owner Jerry Jones' team as the most valuable franchise in the league at \$2.1 billion. A Public Policy Polling survey last December showed that the Cowboys are also the most hated NFL team, with 22 percent of NFL fans claiming the squad is their least favorite.

Despite all of the attention and spotlight shining on Dallas, it is a team that has won just one playoff game in over 15 years. The last time the Cowboys won a Super Bowl was when Bill Clinton was president of the United States.

Dallas fell on hard times towards the end of Hall of Fame quarterback Troy Aikman's career in the early 2000's and has had little success since. The team went through countless names at quarterback such as Quincy Carter, Drew Henson, Steve Hutchinson and Vinny Testaverde.

Then after Bill Parcells left town in 2007, the Cowboys finally looked like they were on their way back to the Super Bowl. A team with rising star Tony Romo at quarterback, DeMarcus Ware on defense and Terrell Owens at wide

receiver looked destined for great things.

The team made the playoffs as they would in 2009, but both postseason trips ended without a trip to the NFC championship team much less a Super Bowl appearance. So what is the problem that's keeping the NFL's most profitable team in mediocrity? It is an over-controlling owner and stupid play on the field.

Jones is one of the league's best and most influential owners. He and New England Patriots owner Robert Kraft were crucial in ending the lockout last season. At his core, Jones runs his team with the same passion that the diehard Cowboys fans would. He spends the money to get the big name players and knows how to keep his team in the headlines. Unfortunately, Jones makes a lousy general manager and has proven incapable of making football decisions.

The issue the Cowboys as a franchise face is that Jones won't step down as the GM and the only one who could fire him from the position... is Jones himself. Dallas has been unable to make quality investments in the NFL Draft since Parcells left, with notable first round busts such as Felix Jones and Anthony Spencer coming to mind. Despite both players being solid role players, they have not become superstars like Adrian Peterson and Haloti Ngata, who were both first round selections

that play the same positions as Jones and Spencer.

Until the Cowboys' owner can either have a smarter NFL mind consult him on draft day and during free agency, the team will continue to struggle bringing in personnel. The other big issue the franchise faces is underperforming on the field.

Dallas is one of the most talented NFC teams on paper and arguably the most talented in the NFC East division. The trouble has been taking that talent and producing it on the football field. The Cowboys are the second-most most penalized team in the NFL this season and have an offensive line that can't keep pressure off Romo.

Even with defensive coordinator Rob Ryan's defense posting a top-10 unit most of this season, the team still sits 5-6 and barely in playoff contention in 2012. The only way this squad will live up to their talent on paper is to have a disciplinary head coach the players respect.

Whether that means firing current head coach Jason Garrett or not is up to the owner to decide. But until the Cowboys can stop making costly mistakes and drafting underperforming players, "America's Team" will continue to be a hollow nickname. In the meantime, Dallas can continue to sell tickets and merchandise while failing to live up to its fans high expectations.

Fantasy Football: Week 13

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It's been an interesting two weeks since this column was last in the paper, and let me tell you this Fantasy Football season is getting crazy. Fantasy Studs are appearing out of seemingly nowhere; take for instance the Jacksonville Jaguars. QB Chad Henne has been putting up Tom Brady-like points over the last two weeks and his two favorite targets (WR Justin Blackmon and Cecil Shorts) are playing like top receivers. If you are in a deep league, capitalizing on waiver wire pickups is a good way to stay competitive in your league because every team has weak points. Even grabbing a good player you don't need in order to "roster block" an opponent should be applauded. So this week I'm going to change the format of this column. This will be my first Waiver Wire/Free agent picks of the week. I scoured my 12 person Fantasy Football League Waiver Wire

to find viable picks that could help your team.

Quarter Back: Colin Kaepernick of the 49ers is still available in my league and I think if Mark Sanchez could dominate the Rams Defense then anyone can and will.

Running Back: No feasible running back in the NFL that has any consistency is available so I suppose I'll pick Bilal Powell of the New York Jets. He has had three touchdowns in the past two games, which might be more than any other running back that is available has had in a season.

Wide Receiver: Brandon LaFell of the Carolina Panthers is the best option available and he is actually averaging a pretty decent amount of points per game.

Tight End: Brandon Myers of the Oakland is a decent tight end. I could see him grabbing a touchdown against the Browns defense.

Kicker: Greg Zerlein of the Rams, purely for his sweet nickname Legatron.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Philadelphia Eagles Cut Jason Babin

The struggling Philadelphia Eagles have made a shocking decision to cut defensive end Jason Babin. Babin was signed by the Eagles in 2011, and played one season with them before he went to play with the Tennessee Titans for a year. He had five-and-a-half sacks so far this year, as well as 18 total sacks in the 2011 season. Babin was viewed as one of the many players who was a part of Vince Young's self-proclaimed "dream-team." The Eagles losing does not revolve around Babin; this is merely a move to clear cap space and allow younger defensive lineman to get playing time as their chances of a winning season have faded away. Rookie Vinny Curry is expected to catch more action for the Eagles, and has had very little playing time this year. This is the first of most likely many big moves by the Eagles. Babin is expected to be picked up off of waivers before becoming a free agent.

Alabama and Georgia in SEC Championship

The SEC is one of the most hyped conferences in college football, and the SEC championship will host number two Alabama and number three Georgia. Besides undefeated Notre Dame (not including the banned undefeated Ohio State,) these are the best two teams in the country right now. The BCS has already confirmed that the winner of this conference championship, will go onto the title game to face Notre Dame. Aaron Murray will attempt to lead the Georgia past the Alabama defense that is the best in the NCAA in points allowed per game, which is an estimated nine points. The only thing that Georgia excels in that Alabama does not is the passing game, so Murray will have to step up if they want a shot at the title game. It will be the biggest game this weekend, December 1 at 1 p.m.

Boston Red Sox not likely to trade Jon Lester

There have been rumors going around about Boston Red Sox pitcher Jon Lester being a part of a possible trade with the Kansas City Royals. Well, according to a source of the Red Sox who reported to *ESPNBoston.com*, there are no talks going on about a Lester trade to the Royals. The trade would have most likely sent outfielder prospect Will Myers to the Red Sox in exchange for Lester. Myers is currently considered to be one of the top prospects in all of baseball. The 21-year-old batted a .314 average in the minors last season, and is expected to be ready for the majors this upcoming season. Although the Lester-Myers trade seems to be nothing more than a rumor, it is interesting to see Lester's performance next season, because if he does poorly, people will start to question if they should have looked into this trade possibility a little more.

Maimed Cranium by Jon Langberg



SCIENTISTS HAVE RECENTLY DEVELOPED A NEW THEORY ON EVOLUTION: EVERY LIVING AND NONLIVING THING HAS DERIVED FROM THIS ONE BEING... THEY CALL IT THE "UNIHUMANOXEAPLANTASAURUS"



THE RAM REPORT

Women's Basketball

Wednesday, 11/28 at. Elms, 7 PM
Thursday, 11/29 vs. Framingham St., 7 PM
Saturday, 12/1 vs. Westfield St., 3 PM

Men's Basketball

Thursday, 11/29 @ Mass.-Boston, 5:30 PM
Saturday, 12/1, vs. St. Joseph's (Me.), 1 PM

Men's Hockey

Thursday, 11/29 @ Curry, 7:35 PM

Team standings

Men's Hockey

- 1. Nicholas 5-2
- 2. Western New Eng. 4-2
- 3. Wentworth 4-2-1
- 4.. Curry 3-3
- 5. Salve Regina 3-6
- 6. Suffolk 3-4-1
- 7.. Becker 3-4
- 8. Johnson &Wales (RI) 2-6

Men's Basketball

- 1. Albertus Magnus 3-0
- 2. St. Joseph's (Me.) 3-0
- 3. River 3-1
- 4. Mount Ida 2-2
- 5. Anna Maria 1-2
- 6. Emerson 1-2
- 7. Norwich 1-2
- 8. Suffolk 1-2
- 9. Johnson & Wales 1-3
- 10. Lasell 1-3
- 11. Emmanuel 0-1

Women's Basketball

- 1. Albertus Magnus 5-0
- 2. Emmanuel 3-0
- 3. Norwich 3-1
- 4. Lasell 2-1
- 5. St Joeseph's (Me.) 2-1
- 6. Johnson & Wales 1-1
- 7. River 2-2
- 8. Suffolk 2-2
- 9. Emerson 2-3
- 10. Mount Ida 1-3
- 11.Pine Manor 0-1
- 12. Anna Maria 0-4
- 13. Simmons 0-4

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Suffolk Men's Basketball Falls to Eastern Nazarene in Final Three Minutes

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Even the word thriller is not strong enough to describe the Rams' game against Eastern Nazarene last Tuesday at the Regan Ridgeway Gym. The 135 spectators who were watching the game from the sidelines certainly got to witness a real "swish" with entertainment until the very end. Sometimes there was complete silence in the gym because people were so focused on the electrifying game that made everyone absolutely euphoric whenever the Rams got a basket. With three minutes left, the score was tied at 80-80 and the atmosphere in the gym was amazing. Unfortunately the Rams' defense fell apart in the last three minutes of the game and Eastern Nazarene won the game 90-82, despite the fact that the scoreboard showed 90-80 after the game, because the referee forgot to add two points to Suffolk's score on the board.

Suffolk played a great second half, but the team was struggling in the first half and were 22 points behind at one point. The fact that the Rams came back and were leading 76-75 at the end of the second half shows that the team has a lot of fighting spirit. If the defense had been a little more solid in the first half and the last three minutes of the



Photo taken by Vassili Stroganov

second half, the Rams would have won this game without any question. Observing the game it looks like the Ram offense is where it needs to be, but the defense needs a little work. Prior to the game Coach Adam Nelson already knew that the key to beat Eastern Nazarene is to defend well and he was absolutely right: "Eastern Nazarene is unbelievably talented. They've got pieces at every position, they are athletic, they play fast and they are scary. They

are a very dangerous team. So we need to come ready to play and ready to defend them. If we can get up and defend them tonight it will be a great game, but if we let them do what they want, they are going to score a ton of points tonight. We have to control the game." Suffolk did control big parts of the game, but in the end it was not enough to get a victory.

On the bright side, a great personal achievement was reached during the game as Matt Pepdjonovic got his 1000

career rebound. The talented forward became the second Suffolk player in history to reach both 1000 rebounds as well as 1000 points for the Rams. Now Pepdjonovic has the most rebounds in Suffolk men's basketball history, an incredible achievement. By the end of the season he is expected to become the all time leading rebounder in the history of the GNAC conference in men's basketball.

Before the Eastern Nazarene game, Suffolk played in the Roger Williams Tip-Off tournament, in which they had an excellent game against Main, Fort Kent, and a really close tournament final game against the hosts from Roger Williams. Coach Nelson gave his view on the Rams performance in the tournament: "It was an interesting tournament for us. The first night we were able to beat Main, Fort Kent by 21 which definitely surprised us because they are a very good team. We really came to play and we did everything right, we played a very good game. It was a good opener to the

season. The guys played well and we defended hard so we are happy with that. The second game against Roger Williams was the championship game in the tournament in front of a tough crowd. We got up seven at the half and we were playing pretty well, but Roger Williams kind of figured it out and really came to play in the second half and we were disappointed, because we didn't come to play and they kind of put it on us. So we were disappointed to come out [of] there with a split. We played three out of four halves well, but at this level you can't do that, but we will learn from it and move on."

After facing some tough opponents, the Rams went on a well-deserved Thanksgiving break. The players got to relax and eat turkey for three days with their families and friends, but then it was back to training on Saturday. On Tuesday, before the Thanksgiving break, Nelson was not concerned about the players eating too much turkey: "They can eat away. We will come back for practice on Saturday and we don't play until Thursday so we will have five full practices to run the turkey out of them," Coach Nelson said with a smile on his face. The game on Thursday is against UMASS-Boston. Let's hope the Rams are well-rested after the break and did not eat too much

Durant slams 29 as the Thunder Fall Short to the Celtics

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Entering their 13th game of the 2012/2013 season, the Celtics had a disappointing record of 6-6. As disappointing as the .500 record is, Celtics fans must face the reality. Their team is not as talented as it has been in the past. Losing Ray Allen in the off-season to the Miami Heat was a huge blow, and they are now basing the team on the future Hall of Famer, but aging, Kevin Garnett who is playing his heart out every day on the court, but his playing time has declined in comparison to recent years, and so has the rest of his statistics line. It seems like another year of Paul Pierce taking the C's on his back, and with Avery Bradley's return scheduled only in January or late December the

earliest, it seems that what is left of the "Big 3" plus Rajon Rondo will be the main hope for the Celtics. As they did last year, the Celtics struggle a lot with defensive rebounds when K.G. or Brandon Bass are resting on the bench.

The Oklahoma City Thunder are coming off their best season in franchise history since moving away from Seattle. The Thunder won the Western Conference title and fell short only to the Heat in the 2012 NBA finals. Kevin Durant, in his fifth season, won his third NBA scoring championship in a row. Durant carried the Thunder throughout the regular season all the way past the Lakers and the Spurs in the playoffs just to fall short to LeBron James and company. Many voices claimed last year that "politics" among voters cost Durant the NBA MVP title.

With the Celtics trying

to return to .500, OKC only looked to continue their momentum. Two days before facing the OKC Thunder, the Celtics fell short at home to the San Antonio Spurs, who have the best record in the NBA thus far. The Thunder are competing with the Spurs for the best record in the Western Conference and certainly a win in Boston's TD Garden would have helped that cause.

After the first quarter, the Thunder already had a 28-21 lead and the game seemed to get away from the C's. But that changed in a hurry. Boston outscored the Thunder 27-17 in the second quarter and 29-20 in the third.

In the fourth quarter, Durant and company cut the Celtics lead to two points with 1:30 left, but a clutch three point shot by Jason Terry sealed a Celtics 108-100 win over the Thunder.

Durant was responsible for 29 points and was perfect in the free throws section. Russell Westbrook was also solid with 26 points and eight assists. For the Celtics, it was once again their immortal captain Paul Pierce who took things into his own hands, especially in the clutch. Pierce was responsible for 27 points, three steals, four rebounds, and was four for six in three point throws. Pierce, who has played his entire NBA career for Boston, is starting his 15th season in green.

There are some reasons for optimism for both teams going forward, especially for the Celtics. The Thunder do not need to look for any, simply because once again they are one of the top three teams in the NBA, and if nothing surprising or unexpected happens, they will once again be in the mix and go deep in the playoffs.

The Celtics, who struggled just as much last year in the first weeks of the season, have some room to improve. Avery Bradley will return soon and maybe the same team that lacked Ray Allen for many weeks in the 2011/2012 season due to an ankle injury will have the ability to once again go very deep into the playoffs. Let's not forget, the Celtics were one victory away from winning the Eastern Conference title and going to the NBA finals.

Boston's biggest asset is on the sidelines. Doc Rivers is one of the best coaches in the NBA; he won the 2008 NBA title with Boston and reached the finals again in 2010. Last year with all the injuries he was the one who coached this Celtics team all the way to the Conference finals. There is no reason why he cannot do it again.